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SECRETARY: I AM LEAVING FOR CONSULTATIONS WITH OUR EUROPEAN ALLIES AND ALSO TO MEET WITH THE SOVIET FOREIGN MINISTER TO REVIEW SOVIET-AMERICAN RELATIONS, AND PARTICULARLY TO DISCUSS THE SITUATION IN THE MIDDLE EAST. AND OF COURSE WE ATTACH GREAT IMPORTANCE TO THE MEETING WITH PRIME MINISTER RABIN, ALL OF WHICH IS PART OF OUR EFFORT TO ENCOURAGE THE PROCESS OF PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST.

QUESTION: MR. SECRETARY, THERE'S BEEN SOME TALK OF ADDITIONAL U.S. ASSURANCES, COMMITMENTS, GUARANTEES FOR ISRAEL. ARE THERE ANY ADDITIONAL ASSURANCES?

SECRETARY: ANY PROGRESS TOWARDS PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST HAS TWO ELEMENTS -- THE NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN THE PARTIES IN THE MIDDLE EAST AND WHAT THE UNITED STATES CAN CONTRIBUTE IN THE WAY OF ASSURANCES, OR ACTING AS A TRANSMITTER OF ASSURANCES OF THE TWO SIDES TO EACH OTHER. AND WHATEVER IT IS HUMANLY POSSIBLE TO DO. THE UNITED STATES WILL DO

TO PROMOTE PROGRESS.

QUESTION: MR SECRETARY, THERE ARE REPORTS THAT AN AGREE-MENT IS ALREADY WRAPPED UP BETWEEN ISRAEL AND EGYPT.

SECRETARY: TOTALLY WRONG.

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QUESTION: BUT IS IT APPROACHING THE POINT?

SECRETARY: NO. WE ARE NOT ANYWHERE NEAR THAT POINT. BUT ALL SIDES, ISRAEL AND EGYPT, ARE WORKING SERIOUSLY. AND OF COURSE THE UNITED STATES HAS REPEATEDLY EXPRESSED ITS INTEREST IN PROMOTING PEACE ON A BASIS JUST TO ALL.

QUESTION: MR. SECRETARY, THERE'S BEEN A REPORT THAT THE PRESIDENT AND SOME LEADERS IN THE HOUSE HAVE WORKED OUT A TENTATIVE COMPROMISE ON RESUMING AID TO TURKEY.

SECRETARY: WELL, THEY DISCUSSED THIS MORNING POSSIBLE WAYS BY WHICH AID TO TURKEY CAN BE RESUMED. HEARINGS WILL BE HELD IN THE FOREIGN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE OR THE INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE TOMORROW, AND WE ARE HOPEFUL THAT SOMETHING CAN BE DONE.

THANK YOU.

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